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## ARRAY PREFETCH APPARATUS AND METHOD

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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5           An array prefetch system improves processor performance by automatically  
tuning a statically compiled and compacted loop program at run-time to accommodate  
variations in latency of memory read operations. Using the array prefetch system, the  
processor, while awaiting completion of a data access, continues to generate requests  
for subsequent iterations rather than fully halting execution until a read access is  
10       finished.

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